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Ms. Jane Doe
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Dear Jane:

I wanted to take a few moments to talk to you about some important developments regarding our fight to end the "Disabled Veterans Tax" once and for all. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend three upcoming forums to answer questions that you might have as well as provide an update regarding the ongoing fight for full funding of concurrent receipt.

As you may know, the Republican leadership has recently announced plans to bring legislation to the House floor addressing the Disabled Veterans tax as part of the Fiscal Year '04 National Defense Authorization Act. The plan calls for \$22 billion in funding over ten years to retirees 50% disabled and above. The plan would leave out 480,000 veterans, and would take entirely too long to implement. This legislation is a step in the right direction, but drastically falls short of providing veterans with the full funding of concurrent receipt that they indisputably deserve.

Veterans and their families have been on a roller coaster for far too long. I can assure you that I will continue to fight for the full funding of concurrent receipt for veterans who have given and sacrificed the most for our nation. With that said, I would like to urge you to attend the following forums:

- *Saturday, November 8 @ 3:30 - 4:30/Oak Harbor American Legion #129, 690 Southeast Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor
- *Monday, November 10 @ 11:30 - 12:30/Veterans of Foreign Wars #2100, 2711 Oakes, downtown Everett
- *Tuesday, November 11 @ 2:00 - 3:00/Burlington American Legion Post #91, 721 E. Fairhaven, Burlington

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen
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